Effective immediately I request that we respectfully honor our Umpires by starting a new Alaska tradition that I intend to add to our Rule Book for the 2020 season.

I am asking all of our Post Managers to distribute this information to your Assistant Coaches, your A Coaches and each of your Players. As a gesture of respect each time a game ball is given to an Umpire, it is handed to them. Please ask the members of your program not to toss, roll, throw or drop the balls at home plate. It would be an added bonus if the players thanked the Umpire for his work on the Baseball Field.

Our Organization is built on Respect, Sportsmanship, Courtesy and teaching each of the players in your program how to grow into successful adults. I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Happy 4th of July, Russ Baker